

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A retail system comprising:
at least one purchase ordering facility for providing representations of items offered for sale, and
at least one portable device movable by a customer for detecting indicia of said representations to select the items to be included in a purchase order, and
a purchase ordering terminal provided in the purchase ordering facility for enabling a customer to order products available for sale in the retail system including the items that are not represented in the purchase ordering facility.

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2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the representation includes samples of the items.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein said portable device is configured to read the indicia of the samples.

4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein said portable device is configured to display total price of a purchase after reading the indicia of each sample.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said portable device is configured to enable the customer to edit the purchase order.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the further comprising a purchase ordering terminal is provided with a purchase mode selection circuit for enabling the customer to select a desired purchase ordering mode defining electronic simulation performed by the purchase ordering terminal ~~for enabling a customer to order products available for sale in the retail system including the items that are not represented in the purchase ordering facility.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 6, wherein the purchase ordering terminal is configured to enable the customer to continue placing the product order after selecting the items using the portable device.

a' 8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 6, wherein the purchase ordering terminal is configured to read purchase order information from the portable device.

9. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the purchase ordering terminal is configured to present an electronic catalog including the products available for sale in the retail system.

10. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the purchase ordering terminal is configured to electronically simulate a store containing the products available in the retail system.

11. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the purchase ordering terminal is configured to electronically simulate a game.

12. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the purchase ordering terminal is configured to electronically simulate an Internet site.

13. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising at least one output device for producing an output representing the purchase order.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the output device is provided with indicia readable by said portable device.

a' 15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the purchase order is automatically transferred ~~from the portable readable device~~ to a central station when the portable device reads the indicia of the output device.

16. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the output representing the purchase order formed by the portable device is automatically produced when the portable device reads the indicia of the output device.

17. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the output representing the purchase order controls a passing device that allows the customer to leave the purchase ordering facility.

18. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein said output device includes a printer for printing out the purchase order.

19. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein a purchase ordered at said purchase ordering facility may be picked up at a retail facility remote from said purchase ordering facility.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 ~~19~~, wherein said purchase ordering terminal is configured to display a plurality of available retail facilities to enable ~~portable device enables~~ a customer to select a ~~the~~ retail facility, to which the ordered purchase should be delivered.

a' 21. (Currently Amended) A retail system having multiple purchase ordering facilities for placing purchase orders, at least one of the retail facilities provides representation ~~representations~~ of a limited number of items offered for sale, said at least one of the retail facilities is provided with at least one purchase ordering terminal for enabling the customer to order all products available in the retail system including products not represented by the limited number of items offered for sale.

22. (Currently Amended) The retail system of claim 21, wherein said purchase ordering terminal is provided with a purchase mode selection circuit for enabling the customer to select a desired purchase ordering mode defining electronic simulation performed by the purchase ordering terminal ~~said at least one of the retail facilities is provided with at least one portable device movable by a customer for forming a purchase order based on the representations of the limited number of items offered for sale.~~

23. (Currently amended) The retail system of claim 22, wherein said purchase ordering terminal is configured to electronically simulate a game ~~the customer is enabled to combine purchase ordering using the portable device with the purchase ordering using the purchase ordering terminal.~~

24. (Currently amended) The retail system of claim ~~22~~ 23, wherein the purchase ordering terminal is configured to electronically simulate an Internet site ~~for reading purchase order information from the portable device.~~

25. (Currently amended) A retail system comprising:

a plurality of purchase ordering facilities provided in retail facilities for enabling customers to place purchase orders, and

a plurality of purchase check-out facilities provided in the retail facilities for enabling the customers to receive ordered purchases,

a purchase ordering facility of said plurality of purchase ordering facilities includes a purchase ordering terminal for enabling a customer to place an order for a purchase, said purchase ordering terminal being configured for displaying a list of the retail facilities to enable the a customer being enabled to receive an the ordered purchase at a purchase check-out facility of said plurality of purchase check-out facilities remote with respect to a the purchase ordering facility where the purchase was ordered.

26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25, wherein the purchase ordering facility contains ~~facilities contain~~ samples of items offered for sale ~~to enable the customer to~~

~~select required items~~, and said purchase ordering terminal is configured for enabling the customer to order products available for sale in the retail system including the items that are not represented in the purchase ordering facility.

27. (Currently amended) A retail system controlled by a control system and comprising:

at least one storage facility for storing goods available for sale in the retail system, and multiple retail facilities remote with respect to the storage facility, a retail facility including a purchase ordering facility having at least one purchase ordering terminal facilities for enabling a customer to order a purchase[[,]] and ~~multiple~~ a purchase obtaining point ~~points~~ for, ~~each purchase obtaining point~~ enabling the customer to obtain the ~~ordered~~ purchase ordered at the purchase ordering facility after a time period sufficient to deliver the ordered purchase from the storage facility to the purchase obtaining point.

28. (Currently amended) The retail system of claim 27, wherein ~~at least one of the purchase ordering~~ said retail facility contains ~~facilities contain~~ samples of a limited number of items offered for sale.

29. (Currently amended) The retail system of claim 28, wherein said at least one of the purchase ordering ~~facilities contain at least one purchase ordering~~ terminal is configured for enabling the customer to order products available for sale in the retail system, including the items that are not represented by the samples.

Claims 30-31 (cancelled).

32. (Currently amended) A method of selling goods comprising the steps of:
storing goods available for sale in a storage facility,

presenting samples of the goods at a purchase ordering facility to enable a customer to
order a purchase, the purchase ordering facility presenting samples of a limited number of items
offered for sale,

enabling the customer to obtain the ordered purchase at a purchase obtaining point after a
time period sufficient to deliver the purchase from the storage facility to the purchase obtaining
point, and ~~The method of claim 31, further comprising the step of~~

providing a purchase ordering terminal in the purchase ordering facility for enabling the
customer to order products available for sale, including the items that are not represented by the
samples.

33. (New) The retail system of claim 27, wherein the purchase ordering facility
contains a purchase ordering terminal provided with a purchase mode selection circuit for
enabling the customer to select a desired purchase ordering mode.

34. (New) The retail system of claim 33, wherein said purchase ordering terminal is
configured to electronically simulate a game

35. (New) The retail system of claim 33, wherein the purchase ordering terminal is
configured to electronically simulate an Internet site.

A² 36. (New) The retail system of claim 27, wherein the purchase ordering facility comprises at least one output device for producing an output representing a purchase order to control a passing device that allows the customer to leave the purchase ordering facility.

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